

Comments on ROD - MLS
April 24, 2001

Overall comment - Is it possible to highlight some of the commitments of the Corps in a introductory section to Clean Water. I believe that highlighting the Corps' commitment work with EPA, States and Tribes on the TMDL and the Corps' commitment to implement the actions in Table b-3 should be emphasized. They are really good commitments to show the Corps commitment to address water quality.

1. Page 1 and throughout - When referring to standards use state and tribal.
2. Page 1 - Paragraph 2. Last sentence. Delete proposed in front of tribal.
3. Page 1 - The national standard for dissolved gas is 110%.
4. Page 2 - Paragraph 1 - Last sentence . Delete necessary, does not make sense.
5. Page 3 - Paragraph 1 - Second sentence. EPA feels that sentence is not consistent with Judge Frye's decision.
6. Page 4 - Paragraph 1 - The first two sentences are confusing. Shouldn't "Was conducted" be "was required through ESA."
7. Page 4 - Last paragraph. Was the Oregon variance for one year for just the spill season?
8. Shouldn't we add a statement on involuntary spill in that section.
9. Page 6. I will send you separately the electronic version of the state and tribal temperature standards for Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The Kootenai Tribe has standards but I do not have them. You may need to get them from the Montana DEQ person at the upcoming meeting.
10. Page 6. We believe that better monitoring data is needed in the lower Snake and the commitment to develop that should be a part of the Temperature section.
11. Page 6. You cite your opinion on the the existence of the dams and the increase in the number or severity of exceedances. We believe that the TMDL will help form the technical base ton understand this issue.
12. Page 7. In the Future Actions section, 2nd paragraph - The third sentence might read better if is was a separate paragraph.
13. We need to see s stronger commitment to implementing the actions in Table b-3 of the BO Appendix.
14. Change limits to allocation.
15. Page 8. In the paragraph about the variance, add with "NMFS assistance" after the Corps. That is consistent with what we all agreed to with the ROD.

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